

whom who taking the Oath, and performing all office (Article 25, 1, 1705) &
 present Act or other the Laws of this Province for Vestry; shall be
 deemed and taken to be members of the said Vesty; so all intents and
 purposes Provided always that in every Parish where any Minister
 or Instrument is or shall be lawfully attending to the Laws and usages of
 this Province appointed; and in possession of any living invested ^{with the}
 said work; and residing therein he shall during the continuance of such
 his longer be one of the Vesty of such Parish; and principal of such
 Vesty: (Although there be the Number of six persons or more besides; And
 for keeping a fair Register of all such Vestys proceedings and for the
 keeping of all Births Marriages and Burials; in each respective Parish Book
 it shall by the Authority advised and consent aforesaid; that each Vesty
 shall and is hereby obliged to provide a fit person for a Register; who shall
 at all times keep a true and faire Registry of the several Proceedings of such
 Vesty from time to time in Executing their trust and Authority; and make
 just and true Entries thereof; which Person so to be appointed for keeping
 such Registry; shall take the oaths substituted in the place of the oaths of
 Allegiance and Supremacy and subscribe the Seal and Association; and also
 an Oath to be given him by the said Vesty; which Oath the said Vesty are here
 by empowered to Administer accordingly for the due and faithful Executing his
 said Office; before he shall be admitted into the said Office; And shall make
 due entry of all Vesty proceedings; and of all Births, Marriages; and Burials
 (Negroes and Malattoes excepted) that is to say the Christian and his name; with
 the day Month and Year of every such Birth, Marriage; or Burial; so
 incorporated all and every the Inhabitants of each Parish; that are either parents
 Guardians, Overseers, Masters or Mistresses of any person; born, married; or
 buried; are hereby enjoined and required; to give Notice; to the Register of such
 Parish within two months after such Birth, Marriage; or Burial; and pay
 him six pence for carrying it at the time of giving Notice aforesaid under the
 penalty of one hundred pounds of £¹⁰⁰; to be forfeited by such Inhabitant
 aforesaid; Refusing or neglecting as aforesaid under the penalty of
 hundred pounds of £¹⁰⁰; to be forfeited by such Register refusing or neg-
 lecting to enter it, having received his fee for the same; And such Register
 is hereby obliged to show any person or persons; reasonably desiring it
 any such Register; or give a Cert of any Births, Marriages; or Burials;